

TRAIN PROBABLY WILL BE RETAINED

Seaboard's Petition Likely to Be Denied—Charters by State.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Raleigh, N. C., December 21.—There was a conference today between the members of the Corporation Commission and officials of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company relative to the petition of the Seaboard to be allowed to discontinue the shoofly train service between Raleigh and Hamlet on January 1 on the ground that it is not self-sustaining. Representing the Seaboard Air Line were W. H. Starn, assistant to the general manager, and M. Shay, general superintendent. While the members of the Corporation Commission made no statement to that effect following the conference, it is understood that the train very probably will be retained. Patrons all along the line and in adjacent territory share the benefits of the shoofly service are petitioning strenuously for the retention of the service.

The Carolina-Florida Fish Company, of Wilmington, received a charter today, the capital being \$50,000 authorized and \$25,000 subscribed, by J. A. Price, William Powell and Ed. Taylor. Other charters were for the Robersonville Supply Company, Martin county, \$20,000 capital authorized and \$10,000 subscribed, by J. W. Taylor, J. H. Everett and others; the Spencer Sanatorium (Inc.), Winston-Salem, capital \$20,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed, by W. O. Spencer, M. K. Spencer, T. W. Davis and others; and the White Fish Company, Henderson, capital \$25,000, by Wallace White and others for mercantile business. Peace Institute (Inc.), of Raleigh, was organized under the new charter today by the election of J. R. Young as president, Ed. Chambers Smith, vice-president, and George Allen, secretary. The purpose is to bring the famous Peace Institute completely and permanently under the control of the Presbyterian Church.

In the case of W. E. Hill against the city of Raleigh and Policeman C. E. Barrow, recently instituted, the complaint has been filed. It shows that \$9,000 is claimed against the city and \$1,000 against Barrow. This is the case in which Hill was imprisoned at different times for breach of the peace and for drunkenness, and a cut in the city which Hill was imprisoned in efforts to control him developed epilepsy, as he alleges, because of the terribly unwholesome condition of the city prison and failure of the authorities to provide medical attention for him as a prisoner.

The annual report of the Librarian of Boney Library here shows that during 1911 there were 28,929 books used by patrons of the library in their homes, fiction constituting 89 per cent of them. There are 3,372 persons registered as regular borrowers of books. The library received \$1,133 from rent of the building and \$2,000 from the city. The fines amounted to \$133 for the year. There is a balance on hand of \$309.

CROWDED TRAIN WRECKED.

Not a Passenger Injured in Accident Kings Mountain, N. C., December 21.—Train No. 38 on the Southern Railway, way from Atlanta to New York, was

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wrecked three-quarters of a mile north of here this afternoon, but though crowded with passengers no one sustained even a scratch. The third car from the locomotive left the track and carried the three cars immediately behind along with it. The engine and two cars directly behind it and the two rear cars remained on the track. A special train from Charlotte returned with some of the passengers. The track is badly damaged, and trains are being detoured by way of Columbia, S. C. It is said the wreck was caused by the track spreading.

UNDER INDICTMENT MANY FLEE STATE

Charges of Irregularities Against Well-Known County Politicians.

SUSPECTED MEN ALSO LEAVE

Judge Skeen Is Determined to Probe Vote-Selling to Bottom.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Bristol, Va., December 21.—Following the adjournment of the special grand jury in which Judge Skeen impaneled in Lee county on December 4 to consider wholesale election bribery charges, it was discovered that many of the indicted men had fled the county and the State, many going to Kentucky and others across the Tennessee border line. It is believed that many will not return. It is also learned that many men suspected of selling their votes, but not yet indicted, have fled the county.

One hundred and sixty-three indictments were turned over to Commonwealth's Attorney Ely this afternoon. In addition to 101 given him last night, and fifty true bills found today. In the list of persons indicted today were three well known county politicians. They all served as election judges in the November election, and were charged with irregularities.

There were six indictments for violations of the Barksdale pure election law, and of the lot already in the hands of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 154 are for vote selling. Many hoodlums who confessed before the grand jury to having bought votes were not indicted, and will not be, in consideration of their testimony. They were reluctant witnesses, and only after grilling and threats from Judge Skeen to offer immunity to the vote buyers did they agree to "speak" on the men whose votes they had bought. The county officers, all Republicans, and elected in November, were promised immunity as were also their campaign managers.

A prominent Republican, of Lee county, to-night intimated that the prosecution has some political significance. He stated that nine members of the special grand jury were Democrats. He further predicted that the bulk of the indicted men and the greater number of suspects will not accept Judge Skeen's so-called inducements to confess, but will stand trial. There seems to have been only one witness against each vote seller before the grand jury.

Judge Skeen Leaves.
Judge Skeen left to-night for his home at Big Stone Gap, after staying close with his special grand jury at Jonesville for three weeks. He left with a grim determination, as he told the spectators in the courtroom in

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adjourning, to return in February and go deeper into the matter and indict every man who is guilty and who fails to come in and enter a plea of guilty before that time. Adjournment is only to give the alleged vote sellers the opportunity to save the State trouble and expense and to save the vote sellers from a heavy penalty that will follow conviction in the event they stand trial and are convicted.

Judge Skeen is determined to convict and forever disfranchise every man in Lee county, as well as Wise and Dickenson, who has sold his vote, but in order to do this in Lee county he has already had to grant immunity to the vote buyers. The investigation will at once be extended into the counties of Wise and Dickenson, but what methods Judge Skeen will adopt are not known. He shows no signs of relenting, and is carrying out his announcement from the bench. The investigation will at once be extended into the counties of Wise and Dickenson, but what methods Judge Skeen will adopt are not known. He shows no signs of relenting, and is carrying out his announcement from the bench. The investigation will at once be extended into the counties of Wise and Dickenson, but what methods Judge Skeen will adopt are not known. He shows no signs of relenting, and is carrying out his announcement from the bench.

It is reported to-night that certain leaders of the political factions may advise vote sellers to refuse to confess and stand trial in Judge Skeen's court, but the general opinion is that after thinking the matter over hundreds of the vote sellers will confess, and that there will be little work left for the grand jury when it convenes again in February.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia and North Carolina—Unsettled weather, probably rain Friday and Saturday; light to moderate, variable winds.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.
12 noon temperature 37
3 P. M. temperature 37
Maximum temperature up to 8 P. M. 37
Minimum temperature up to 8 P. M. 33
Mean temperature 35
Normal temperature 36
Deficiency in temperature 1
Deficiency in temperature since March 1 117
Accum. excess in temperature since January 1 10
Rainfall last twenty-four hours37
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1 6.22
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1 6.49
Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.
Temperature 38
Humidity 83
Wind-direction North
Wind-velocity 7
Weather Misty
Rainfall last twelve hours17

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)
Place. Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather.
Asheville 42 52 12 P. cloudy
Atlanta 42 44 10 Cloudy
Atlantic City 44 44 24 Cloudy
Boston 34 48 24 Cloudy
Buffalo 40 10 20 Cloudy
Calgary 32 38 10 Clear
Charleston 50 52 48 Cloudy
Chicago 46 50 18 P. cloudy
Cincinnati 32 32 12 Clear
Denver 22 32 12 Clear
Detroit 32 32 20 Snow
Galveston 51 56 54 Rain
Hatteras 46 50 18 P. cloudy
Havre 28 32 29 P. cloudy
Jacksonville 56 62 52 Rain
Kansas City 36 40 30 P. cloudy
Louisville 44 48 42 Cloudy
Montgomery 18 28 12 Cloudy
New Orleans 56 60 54 Rain
New York 56 60 54 Rain
Norfolk 46 50 18 P. cloudy
Oklahoma 30 38 20 Snow
Pittsburgh 48 18 38 Cloudy
Raleigh 40 44 10 Cloudy
St. Louis 26 38 20 P. cloudy
St. Paul 26 38 20 Cloudy
San Francisco 56 58 46 Clear
Savannah 50 50 46 Cloudy
Spokane 32 32 22 Cloudy
Tampa 74 78 66 Clear
Washington 36 38 31 Cloudy
Winnipeg 30 30 18 Cloudy
Wytheville 31 31 30 Cloudy

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December 22, 1911.
HIGH TIDE.
Sun rises 7:23 Morning 5:59
Sun sets 4:55 Evening 5:58

SUBURB SELLS BONDS

Issue of \$20,000 for Improvements Goes at Premium.
Bids for the purchase of \$20,000 of improvement bonds of the town of Barton Heights were opened Wednesday night by the Finance Committee of the Town Council. The entire issue was awarded to Bumpus & Co., of De-

troit, Mich., the highest bidders, who offered \$20,526.50 and accrued interest to date of delivery—equivalent to 104.13-1/4 as of date.
The next highest bid was that of Spitzer, Rorick & Co., of Toledo, who offered to pay \$20,435.50 and accrued interest, and in addition to furnish the bonds. Ten bids were received in all, the lowest being \$20,000 and accrued interest, less \$1,000 to cover

legal expenses and preparing bonds. There was no local bidder.
The bonds carry 6 per cent. interest and run for thirty years. The announcement of the sale was made yesterday by Chairman Thomas Armstrong, of the Finance Committee.
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75c

Scissors Sets, Needle Cases, Library Sets, Telephone Registers, "Hasty-Line" Writing Pads, Shopping Lists, with pencil, Medicine Cases, Tie Holders, Address Books, Visiting Lists, Cook Books, Stickpin and Jewel Cases, Leather Picture Frames, Pocket Flasks.

\$1

Shopping Bags, Coat Hanger Sets, Shopping Lists, with pencil; Medicine Cases, Telephone Registers, Tie Holders, Poker, Bridge and Card Sets, "Hasty-Line" Writing Pads, Collar and Handkerchief Boxes, Stickpin and Jewel Cases, Purses, Bill Folds, Leather Picture Frames.

\$2

Handbags, Library Sets, Coat Hanger Sets, Telephone Registers, "Hasty-Line" Writing Pads, Shopping Lists, Medicine Cases, Tie Holders, Traveling Slippers, in case; Writing Sets, Poker, Bridge and Card Sets, Collar and Handkerchief Boxes, Purses, Bill Folds, Leather Picture Frames.

\$3

Sewing Baskets, Desk Calendars, Library Sets, Coat Hanger Sets, Telephone Registers, "Hasty-Line" Writing Pads, Medicine Cases, Tie Holders, Traveling Slippers, in case; Writing Sets, Poker, Bridge and Card Sets, Collar and Handkerchief Boxes, Handbags, Purses, Bill Folds, Leather Picture Frames, Brass Desk Calendars.

\$5 and Up

Scissors Sets, Fitted Bags, Library Sets, Coat Hanger Sets, Medicine Cases, Writing Sets, Poker, Bridge and Card Sets, Collar and Handkerchief Boxes, Handbags, Purses, Bill Folds, Picnic Sets, Leather Picture Frames, Flat Hair and Clothes Brushes, in case; Pocket Flasks.



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